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Applicants: **Bierre et al.**
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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR UNIVERSAL IDENTIFICATION**
 OF BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES

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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 112 IN RESPONSE
TO THE JANUARY 27, 2000 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2000. Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendment and remarks is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 11, line 14, delete "24" and insert -- 20 --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2 and 5-31 without prejudice.

